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LETTER DATED 1 JULY 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALI TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request you to have the communiqué on the situation in the Republic of the Congo issued by the Government of Mali on 27 June 1997 circulated as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

(Signed) Moctar OUANE
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Annex

Communiqué issued by the Government of Mali on 27 June 1997

The Government of Mali is following developments in the Republic of the Congo with great concern.

In keeping with its pan-African commitment, it supports the decisions that have resulted from the joint efforts of the International Mediation Committee, headed by President El Hadj Omar Bongo of Gabon, and the summit meeting of heads of State of the Economic Community of West African States held recently in Lomé.

To the extent possible and strictly within the terms of reference laid down by the Organization of African States and the United Nations for the rapid deployment of an inter-African force in Brazzaville, the Government of Mali is willing to participate fully in the concerted African effort to restore peace in the Republic of the Congo and to ensure that the democratic peace process in that country is given every chance.